

# The Trinity Tripod

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## GEORGE D. HOWELL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HARTFORD ALUMNI.

### Football Team Tendered a Smoker.

The annual meeting of the Trinity Alumni Association of Hartford, combined with a smoker in honor of the members of the 1909 football team, was held last Friday evening at the Hartford Club and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—George D. Howell.

Vice-President—W. E. A. Bulkeley.

Secretary and Treasurer—L. A. Ellis.

Directors—The officers, and John F. Forward, Anson McCook and George Ellis.

The business meeting was brief and at its close the president, George Ellis, called first upon Major Frank L. Wilcox, who spoke briefly upon the financial condition of the association and the excellent record of the football team during the past season.

Dr. Flavel S. Luther, the president of the college, was the next speaker and, naturally, his remarks dealt with the football situation. He has already expressed his views publicly regarding the advisability of abolishing the game or materially changing the way it is played, and last evening he stated very emphatically that it was his belief that if any changes were necessary in the game of football they should be made by experts who thoroughly understand the game and who would give the most careful deliberation to any points before they changed or added new features to the rules. College presidents and professors, he said, in few instances were conversant enough with the game to tell offhand what should be done to make it a sport in which accidents of a serious nature would never take place, nor were the men who were in the habit of writing their views at great length to the newspapers necessarily the ones who were most able to point out and entirely rectify the evils of the game. "What has caused the accidents?" asked President Luther. "Is it mass plays? Do you know?"

He said that in his opinion it was more the spirit in which a game of football was played than the rules under which it was played, that determined the accidents that would occur. If each side played with a friendly spirit, determined to win, but only to win by clean sportsmanlike playing, more good would be accomplished by a number of other means than had been suggested and advocated.

Dr. Luther said the college football team and all friends of athletics at Trinity owed Professor Gettell a great debt for the work he had done in coaching the team, and he hoped that he would continue to coach it next year, but he was firmly convinced that he needed an assistant who should have charge of a great deal of the individual training of the men.

Professor Raymond G. Gettell, who for two years has coached the team, was the next speaker. He reviewed the work of the team and presented

## TRINITY AND HARTFORD.

The following article was recently published in a Hartford paper, concerning the General Endowment Fund.

The appeal for aid to Trinity College has been published and republished. It must be familiar to every reader of the newspapers of Hartford. It ought to bring the help that is wanted. As we have said before, if there were a scheme for removing the college the people of Hartford would go down in their pockets promptly for the amount needed to keep it here. What we are up against now is the opportunity to make the college far more worth keeping here, which is in a sense the same proposition; and there ought to be the same readiness to take hold and help. If each citizen able to do so would realize his interest in the movement and make his subscription, the thing would be done in a day. The trouble lies in leaving it all to somebody else. Trinity is a vital part of Hartford. As the years go by more and more of our progressive men, men of public spirit who make things go, are found to be Trinity graduates—Hartford boys of a few years ago, Hartford and Trinity men of to-day, and leaders of the present and future city. The stronger and better Trinity College is, the better will Hartford be. It is a duty and a privilege to take hold and push this subscription through to the point where the conditions shall be fulfilled and the money secured. Why not do this in the Christmas spirit and do it now?

some statistics which he had compiled. No other team in New England, outside of the large universities, he said, have had so good a record for the past three years as has Trinity. He took Trinity, Amherst and Wesleyan as examples and showed that of the twenty-four games Trinity has played in that time the team has lost but six games, three of these to West Point and one to Cornell; has scored 478 points on its opponents, and has been scored on to the extent of 138 points. Wesleyan has played twenty-seven games in the same length of time, has lost sixteen of these, has scored 173 points and has been scored against 299 points. Amherst has played the same number of games as has Trinity, has lost twelve of them, has scored 137 points and has had 196 points scored against it. These statistics aroused a considerable amount of enthusiasm which was increased when Professor Gettell announced that West Point had asked to play with Trinity next year on the Saturday before the Navy game.

Other speakers were Arthur B. Henshaw, the captain of the team for the past two years, and Earl B. Ramsdell, the newly-elected captain of the team. Anson T. McCook read a poem that was written by Dr. Charles F. Johnson of Trinity several years ago, and L. A. Ellis gave a good imitation of the way in which Raymond Hitchcock is accustomed to sing "Well I Swan," when he is sufficiently urged by an audience. After that there were numerous extemporaneous remarks on an equal number of subjects. Of course there was some-

## TRINITY—N. Y. U. GAME.

### Close Score Results in Defeat for Trinity.

By the close score of 22 to 14 the crack New York University quintet defeated the Trinity team on Friday, December 17th, in New York. Heavy blocking and fast passing were the chief features of the game. The scores piled up by both teams were due rather to trained team work than to individual merit. The game opened with hard blocking and for the first five minutes neither side scored. The New York men then found the basket and obtained a lead that Trinity tried in vain to overcome. The first half ended with the score N. Y. U. 13, Trinity 5.

### The Second Half.

Abbey was replaced by Ramsdell. Both teams showed the effects of the terrific pace kept up during the first half. From the first the New York men were pushed in order to maintain the lead. Trinity played a hard consistent game and had the contest taken place upon a neutral floor the result might have possibly been very different.

The lineup was as follows:

Trinity.		N. Y. U.
Cook	f	Machenfeid
		Tuoley
Capen	f	Smith
Abbey	c	Blanchard
Carroll	g	Girdandig
Gildersleeve	g	Daye
Baskets, Cook 1, Carroll 4, Gildersleeve 1, Girdandig 3, Blanchard 3, Smith 1, Machenfeid 3. Referee, McLaughlin.		

## SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCORES EASY VICTORY.

### Trinity Second Loses Fast Game.

The Trinity second basketball team went down in defeat Saturday evening to the tune of 50 to 25. The loss of the game is probably due to the fact that the college men showed a frequent tendency to relapse into college rules and were consequently handicapped. The accuracy of Smith in shooting from the foul line aided materially in stemming the tide. He annexed five points from free tries and did not miss a chance. Gildersleeve played a hard consistent game, noticeably in the second half when he aided largely in boosting the score up to 25.

Line-up:

Springfield.		Trinity
Buckley (c)	l. f.	Carpenter (c)
Quilty	r. f.	Smith
Marsh	c	Moore
King	l. g.	Gildersleeve
Nauman, Dayton	r. g.	Oliver
Score, Springfield 50, Trinity 25. Baskets from floor, Buckley 8, Quilty 9, King 7, Nauman, Gildersleeve 3, Moore, Carpenter 3, Smith 3. Referee A. E. Metzdoyle. Time 20 minute halves.		

thing to eat and a lot to smoke, and it was voted the most successful annual meeting yet held by the Trinity Alumni Association of Hartford.

## RESIGNATION OF MESSRS. WILCOX AND FORWARD FROM THE ATHLETIC ADVISORY BOARD.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association held last week, the resignations of F. S. Wilcox '80 and John F. Forward '96, members of the Athletic Advisory Board, were accepted. Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Forward have been valuable and efficient alumni members of the board and it is largely through their efforts that the Athletic Association has been maintained on such a successful basis and so free from debt. Their resignations were accepted with regret.

J. H. Green and J. McAlphine Johnson '03 were elected to the vacant places on the board and at a meeting to be held in the near future the board will elect its officers. It is hoped that the new members of the board will take up their responsibilities and duties with the same devotion to work that the old members have shown and maintain the same high standard of efficiency.

An effort is now under way to organize a track meet between the colleges of Greater New York, which would include Columbia, Fordham, New York University, Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, the College of the City of New York and St. John's College of Brooklyn. The real significance which underlies the effort, is said to have for the ultimate object the organization of an intercollegiate athletic association to embrace the colleges mentioned, with the prospect that all branches of sport will come under its control and a series of contests be arranged.

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## EDITORIAL.

On another page of this issue will be found a communication discussing a plan proposed a short time ago by an undergraduate. This plan intends to have the members of faculty lecture to the student body and their friends at stated times and on subjects which are directly related to the courses taught by each. This plan certainly deserves commendation and if carried through in the proper manner would undoubtedly be occasioned with success.

As brought out by the communication these lectures would have many good results, the student body would learn valuable things outside of their regular classes and would be brought into closer touch with the professors, the college would be placed in more prominence than before and the alumni and friends of the college would be more interested in our affairs. More results could be written but the above should serve to prove to the most skeptical the advisability of the proposal. Many of the members of the faculty lecture regularly before societies and clubs and it would be no great hardship on their part to adapt their lectures to the standard of the student body.

But would the student body support and attend these lectures? This is a hard question to answer but if a few lectures were tried it would be easy to judge their popularity among the undergraduates. A short live lecture aided perhaps by a stereopticon would attract many of the students who would not attend if they thought they might have to listen to a long, dry lecture on a topic which did not especially interest them.

The Christmas recess, for which all college students long, is at last at hand and the sight of men going homeward laden with suitcases and other parapher-

alia has been a common occurrence for the past few days, and will continue to be so until Wednesday. The original idea of college authorities in granting absences of this sort from college work, was to enable the students to rest from their arduous labors and return refreshed for new conquests. Nowadays however, the period of Christmas vacation is one of the gayest parts of a college man's life, and it is often whispered about that he returns to his scholastic duties, too worn out to grasp them successfully. He spends much valuable time in recuperating, only to find the ordeal of mid-year examinations staring him in the face before he has even started to work consistently. We would sound a note of warning to Trinity men this year, for mid-years come a scant few weeks after the closing of the Christmas recess. Don't plunge into the gayeties of your vacation with such vim that you will be incapacitated for further labor for a month afterwards! Trinity needs every man who is in college to-day and there ought to be no "flunks" at the approaching mid-years, and least of all from a cause of this kind. The Tripod wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Professors and students and hopes that everybody will return filled with new energy, ready to make the year of nineteen-ten the most successful in the history of the college.

## COMMUNICATION.

Editor Tripod:—

In the last issue of your paper I saw a communication from one of the undergraduates on the subject of lectures by the members of the faculty of the college. The course selected by the writer is one that shows a large amount of thinking has been done on this subject by the writer and one or two more of the student body.

The subject has been under discussion among the members of the student body with some of the alumni, who have expressed their great pleasure at the idea of having the lectures that the college provides every year, extended in a way that would not only be a benefit to the men attending from the scholastic side, but would as the writer has said serve to bring the members of the undergraduate body and the faculty in closer touch.

There are two things that the older men see lacking in the college of to-day. One is the close-intercourse and personal friendship between the men in college and the faculty, that existed but a short time ago. The other is the appalling lack of college spirit in the support of college activities. Both of these seem to be that many of the men either do not care to know the other men in college for friends, or look at the college as an advanced High school.

In closing there are but two things that the writer would suggest. First that some means be found to bring the town men into closer connection with the life at college. Secondly, the alumni would welcome any action that would serve to place the college in a better position in the eyes of the people of Hartford and the world.

Alumnus.

Students are reminded that all library books must be returned before the Christmas recess, unless special arrangements are made with the Librarian.

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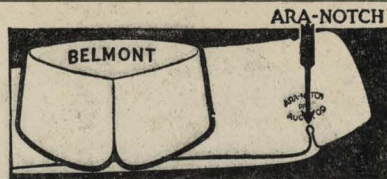
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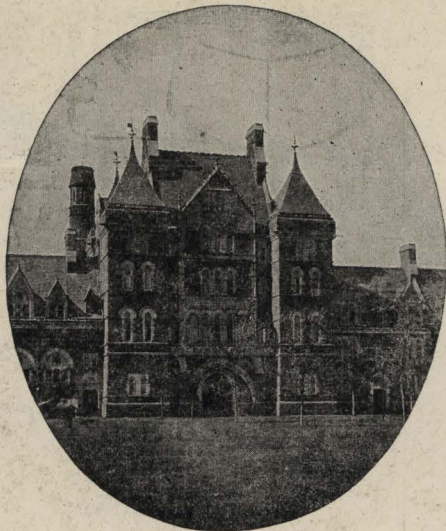
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